



EPCOR FRENCH CREEK NEWSLETTER

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French Creek Water Rates 2017

This is a reminder that water rates will increase in 2017 and be reflected on your April bill. The average residential household will see an increase of \$4.38 per month. These increases were put in place due to recent infrastructure upgrades.

Details of the rates application can be viewed online at www.epcor.com.

Outdoor Water Conservation Tips for Gardening Season

General:

- Sweep your driveway clean rather than washing with a hose.
- Add mulch to your soil to conserve water by reducing evaporation, lowering soil temperature and controlling weeds which compete with other plants for water. Mulches can include shredded leaves, wood chips, grass clippings or even rock and gravel.
- Set sprinklers and hoses to deliver water in large droplets which are more resistant to evaporation.
- Native vegetation is least thirsty. Ask if the specific grass, shrubs or trees you are buying will thrive in your particular geographic area.

Lawn Watering:

- The best time to water is early morning or early evening to avoid sun evaporation.
- Cut your grass so it is relatively tall (6 cm or 2.5 inches). Taller grass shades the roots and holds moisture better.

- Check irrigation systems regularly for leaks – look for overgrown or especially green portions of your lawn indicating a possible leak.



Warmer weather means that we will be entering the water restriction season. Responsible outdoor water use is crucial in ensuring our water supply is available for everyone. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Please note the following watering restriction information:

The following **Stage 1** outdoor watering restrictions take effect **April 1**:

- Even numbered homes water on even days, if necessary
- Odd numbered homes water on odd days, if necessary
- Water only between 7:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. (two hrs max)
- Watch our website for updates to these restrictions.

NOTE: Remember to set your automatic irrigation systems to comply with these restrictions.

Did You Know? Water Facts

- *There are approximately one million miles (1,609,344 km) of pipeline and aqueducts in the US and Canada. Enough to circle the earth 40 times.*
- *The first municipal water filtration works opened in Paisley, Scotland in 1832.*
- *It takes 62,600 gallons of water to produce one ton of steel.*
- *Approximately one gallon of water is used to process a quarter pound of hamburger.*

Source: (http://www.waterprotection.ca/water/Water_Trivia.pdf)

Contact Us

EPCOR's office is open Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We are closed from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Our office will be closed for the following holidays:

April 14, April 17, May 22 and July 1, 2017

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